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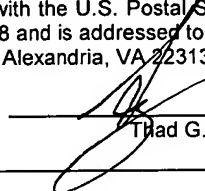
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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Honorable Sir:

This is a reply to the Office Action dated July 31, 2006 regarding the above-identified patent application. Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Currently, Claim 20 is allowed, Claims 4, 5, 18 and 19 have been objected to and Claims 1-3 and 6-17 have been rejected.

A check in the amount of \$60.00 is enclosed along with a Petition for a one month extension of time.

The **Current Status of the Claims** is reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.